



T-Mobile Hometown Grant Recipients Quote Sheet

Talladega, Alabama

“The City of Talladega is thrilled and honored to be a T-Mobile Hometown Grant recipient. This valued partnership will help us build an accessible, inclusive public playground that helps children of all abilities to play together and develop socially, emotionally and physically. The playground will attract and benefit a wide range of community members - including those who are blind, deaf or deaf/blind, those with diverse health conditions, and those who use wheelchairs. We are so appreciative of T-Mobile for supporting a project that will bring joy to children and families throughout our community.”

- **Seddrick Hill Sr., City Manager**

“Our city manager, mayor and city council are working together to make Talladega a better place to live, work and play. T-Mobile’s generous investment in our community will help enhance this effort and bring joy to so many members of our community.”

- **Mary Sood, Public Information Officer**

Coalinga, California

“The T-Mobile grant is a significant part of getting this new park completed. Our community has been waiting for its first splash park for a long time and we are very thankful for this community partnership and the support of T-Mobile.”

- **Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga**

Paradise, California

“We are incredibly grateful for the \$50,000 grant from T-Mobile to fund the handprint mural. This mural marks the progress our community has made in the last 5 years and points to unlimited opportunities for our children on the Ridge in the future. Every student and teacher has been an important part of the rebuilding process. This mural honors and memorializes their contribution at this moment and will be a marker of continued progress. Our students feel a great sense of pride and ownership in this mural and they can't wait to see their handprints put together with all their friends. Because of your contribution, this mural will be a focal point for Ridge residents and visitors for years to come.”

- **Casey Taylor, Director of Achieve Charter Schools and advocate for the Paradise community**

Soledad, California

“We are so thrilled to receive this grant from T-Mobile to ensure that all of our residents can perform on the stage at the Community Center. The City has prioritized creating all-inclusive spaces, recently opening the first inclusive park in South Monterey County. This is especially important to me growing up with a disabled sister who was often precluded from these spaces due to physical barriers.”

- **Mayor Anna Velazquez, City of Soledad**

Smyrna, Delaware

"Smyrna is very excited to bring more public art to our community with the help of T-Mobile. Their support for this project will allow us to highlight and educate our community about the diverse history and natural beauty of our community, and will help to kick off more investments in the arts in our downtown."

- **Mike Rasmussen, Vice Mayor and Chair of the Smyrna Main Street Coordinating Committee**



Darien, Georgia

"Darien is so honored to have been selected as a T-Mobile Hometown Grant recipient. Partnerships like this will help us continue to make Darien the perfect destination and put us on the map of incredible places to visit."

- **Mayor Hodge on behalf of the City Council**

"The Darien Downtown Development Authority is honored to be a recipient of the T-Mobile Hometown Grants program. The DDDA Board of Directors are focused on enhancing downtown Darien while preserving its history. As the second oldest city in Georgia, Darien has some of the richest histories in Southern Coastal Georgia including our beautiful downtown located on the Darien River Waterfront. This grant will be used to add wayfinding signage, upgrade lighting and add new benches further establishing downtown as a destination and gathering space."

- **Rusty Quarterman, Chairman of the Board, Darien Downtown Development Authority**

"We are so grateful to have been selected as one of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant recipients. The T-Mobile Hometown Grant will allow us to improve the downtown experience, creating a safe, welcoming space where our residents and visitors can come together. Thank you to T-Mobile for investing in our small community and helping us thrive."

- **Tom Draffin, President & CEO, McIntosh County Industrial Development Authority**

"All of us at the Darien-McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center are thrilled to see Darien, GA be selected as a recipient for the Hometown Grant. This investment in our beautiful city will bolster the pride of our residents and businesses, as well as improve the experience for our visitors."

- **Kat Hoyt, President & CEO, Darien-McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce**

"We are greatly appreciative to T-Mobile and their dedication to help small towns like ours bring beautification projects to our wonderful city!"

- **Patrick Zoucks, County Manager, McIntosh County Board of Commissioners**

Woodbine, Georgia

"Receiving the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for playground equipment at Cornelia Jackson Memorial Park is a momentous achievement for District 1 and Camden County. This exciting initiative, made possible by T-Mobile, reflects our shared commitment to the well-being of our community. I am eager to see the positive impact this project will have on the lives of our residents, especially our children."

- **Commissioner Lannie Brant from District 1**

Augusta, Kansas

"This project is near and dear to the hearts of Augustans and our surrounding area. Castle Park has been deeply missed after its necessary demolition in 2022, and we are determined to bring it back to life in 2024 -- bigger, better, and even more accessible to children and families. We are humbled by the generous support of partnerships such as T-Mobile!"

- **Representative Kristey Williams, 77th House District -- Kansas and Castle Park Co-Coordinator**



Magee, Mississippi

"The renovation of the Community House is more than repairs. We would be restoring our city's history...something we must not lose."

- **Sue Honea, Alderman at Large for the City of Magee**

Hannibal, Missouri

"After 10 years, Bluff City Theater is going to finally retire the antique wooden seats that were rescued from the Hannibal High School auditorium in the 1980's. This is made possible by a generous contribution from T-Mobile through their Hometown Grant Program."

- **Joe Anderson, Executive Director, Bluff City Theatre**

Hillsborough, New Jersey

"Hillsborough Township is honored that T-Mobile has selected our Arts in the Parks program for funding. These funds will allow the opportunity to expand on creativity, collaboration, and community involvement for years ahead. We deeply acknowledge the generosity T-Mobile has presented in helping Hillsborough Township make an idea come to life."

- **Shawn Lipani, Mayor, Hillsborough Township**

Las Vegas, New Mexico

"A healthy community begins with access to nature and supports an active lifestyle benefiting all communities. The installation of decorative gateways to the Gallinas River Park creates a welcoming destination serving the public who are seeking independence and outdoor space."

- **David Romero, Mayor, City of Las Vegas, New Mexico**

Chillicothe, Ohio

"I am so appreciative for T Mobile and their incredible contribution toward our vision of a downtown that is engaging and vibrant. Their commitment to Chillicothe will help us welcome visitors from all over the world and enhance the experience of visiting not only our downtown, but a World Heritage destination community as well."

- **Luke Feeney, Mayor, City of Chillicothe, Ohio**

Kansas, Oklahoma

"The Hometown Grant will be so beneficial to everyone in our community, and we are grateful that it allows us to benefit the town one step at a time."

- **Johnita Stonecipher, Mayor, City of Kansas**

Poteau, Oklahoma

"Downtowns are where they are always doing something. Lights on businesses, store fronts popping up, events happening. Downtown Poteau is the heartbeat of the city. This project strengthens the heart preserving history and providing future development."

- **Scotty White, Mayor of Poteau**



Baker City, Oregon

“Thank you to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program. 20 years ago when Central Park was only a concept on paper a Splash-Pad was only a dream. Today, through the hard work of a Girl Scout Project. (Simmons family). The energy, passion, and commitment from our citizens along with many community partners; 2024 will be the year that Central Park will add another fun and enjoyable outdoor experience for the entire family. I couldn't be prouder of our community. Thank you again T-Mobile for improving or quality of life.”

- **Randy Daugherty, Mayor of Baker City**

“What started with a local Girl Scout's vision to do something special for her community will now become a reality. Baker City, Oregon is honored and grateful to be chosen as recipients of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant.”

- **Shane Alderson, Baker County Commission Chair**

“The funding for the splash pad is greatly appreciated by the city. This grant significantly helps in the effort to get the splash pad project from dream to reality in 2024. I appreciate all the work that has gone into this project.”

- **Jon M. France, Interim City Manager of Baker City**

York, Pennsylvania

“York Area United Fire and Rescue is extremely grateful for the opportunity to receive financial assistance from T-Mobile, as we look for ways to become more sustainable and environmentally friendlier. This vehicle will not only respond to daily emergencies but will also contribute greatly to our community risk reduction programs currently offered through our department. And for the first time in our organization's history, it will be done with hybrid technology.”

- **Daniel J. Hoff, Fire Chief, York Area United Fire and Rescue**

Kingstree, South Carolina

“We are very thankful and appreciative for the T-Mobile funding to assist with replacing the leaking roof of the C Williams Rush Museum of African-American Arts & Culture in Kingstree, SC. These funds will supplement the current funding to replace the roof which will allow the museum to resume programs, activities, events, exhibitions and tours in serving the community”.

- **Cassandra Williams Rush, CEO & President, C.W Rush, LLC dba C. Williams Rush Museum of African American Arts & Culture**

Rice, Texas

“On behalf of the Rice EDC Board, we would like to thank T-Mobile for the early holiday gift of heat and air in the City of Rice Gymnasium. This climate-controlled environment will be a great asset for the community, as we will be able to host many more types of events during all sorts of weather conditions. T-Mobile has come through for us in this endeavor and we greatly appreciate their contribution.”

- **James Franks, President, Rice Economic Development Corporation**

“We are looking forward to seeing this project completed so we can have a climate-controlled space for our community to enjoy.”

- **Christi Campbell, Mayor, City of Rice**



Bristol, Virginia

"With the T-Mobile Hometown Grant, we are launching a groundbreaking outreach program that directly brings library services into the community, meeting individuals where they are. This initiative aims to bridge the accessibility and awareness gap, allowing us to reach those who may face constraints or lack awareness about our offerings."

"By extending our services beyond the library walls, we hope to serve a broader audience and make our resources more accessible to everyone. This includes providing access to our digital and technological resources ensuring that our community can benefit from a wealth of knowledge and information."

"The creation of the Mobile Minds Library, made possible by the generous award from T-Mobile, marks a significant step forward in our commitment to inclusivity and community engagement. We are beyond grateful for T-Mobile's support, and we look forward to making a positive impact on the lives of those who may not easily reach the library due to various constraints."

- **Tonia Kestner, MLIS, Executive Director, Bristol Public Library**

Smithfield, Virginia

"We are truly grateful to T-Mobile for helping us complete these much-needed repairs in Windsor Castle Park. It ensures that our residents are able to safely enjoy the park for years to come."

- **Michael Stallings, Town Manager, Town of Smithfield**

Pullman, Washington

"The T-Mobile Hometown Grant enables our organization to amplify the revitalization of Main Street and activate our community with new street furnishings and placemaking to create a more vital, inclusive, accessible and welcoming atmosphere here in our historic downtown."

- **Judy Kolde, President Downtown Pullman Association**

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